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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 118 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for 2015.

2. The First Committee considered the item at its 25th meeting, on 15 June 2015 (see A/C.1/69/PV.25).

3. At its 25th meeting, the Committee decided to reconsider its provisional programme of work and timetable for 2015, adopted at its 24th meeting, on 4 November 2014, and subsequently adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 69/520 (see A/69/449/Rev.1).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its revised provisional programme of work and timetable for 2015, as set out in the annex to the present report.

Recommendation of the First Committee

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Revised provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2015

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the revised provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2015, as set out in the annex to the report of the Committee.

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Annex

Revised provisional programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2015

Programme meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Wednesday, 7 October	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[a,b]	Thursday, 8 October, to Friday, 16 October	7
Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions/presentation of reports		
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Friday, 9 October, at 6 p.m.	
Thematic discussion[c] on specific subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items, including:	Monday, 19 October, to Monday, 2 November (a.m.)	12
(a) Exchange with the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and other high-level officials in the field of arms control and disarmament		
(b) Panel discussions and exchanges with independent experts		
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions and decisions under all agenda items	Tuesday, 20 October, at noon	
Closure of the list of speakers for the thematic discussion	Thursday, 22 October, at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items	Monday, 2 November (p.m.) to Monday, 9 November	6

[a] A rolling list of speakers will be opened about a month before the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes; statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list will give priority to high-level representatives and should be shared with the Committee regularly so as to increase transparency.

[b] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

[c] In the afternoon of 22 October, a joint ad hoc meeting of the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) to address possible challenges to space security and sustainability will be held, pursuant to resolution 69/38.

Week	*Monday*	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
5-9 October			7 October morning	8 October morning	9 October morning
12-16 October	12 October afternoon	13 October afternoon	14 October afternoon	15 October afternoon	16 October afternoon
19-23 October	19 October morning	20 October morning	21 October morning	22 October morning and afternoon[a]	23 October morning
26-30 October	26 October morning and afternoon	27 October afternoon	28 October afternoon	29 October afternoon	30 October afternoon
2-6 November	2 November morning and afternoon	3 November morning	4 November morning	5 November morning	6 November morning
9-13 November	9 November morning[b]				

Note: The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

[a] In the afternoon of 22 October, a joint ad hoc meeting of the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) to address possible challenges to space security and sustainability will be held, pursuant to resolution 69/38.

[b] If necessary.